

**INYO COMPLEX FIRE, INYO COUNTY**  
**Update as of Monday, July 16, 2007**

- The Inyo Complex Fire in Inyo County burned 35,176 acres and is now 100 percent contained.
- Six residences and 27 outbuildings were destroyed.
- On July 7, the fire burned the wooden cover of a reservoir owned by the town of Independence, causing it to collapse into the reservoir and contaminate the water.
- A “boil water” order remains in effect. Local officials hope to lift the order by July 17.
- To help address the impacts of the damaged reservoir on local drinking water supplies, the Crystal Geyser Water Company has provided 18 pallets of bottled water for distribution within the Town of Independence and donated five gallons of drinking water per family for residents of the town. Three water tenders are also being used to meet the town’s immediate needs for potable water.
- In addition, the Governor’s Office of Emergency Services (OES) has been working with state and local agencies to identify longer-term solutions. The California Department of Public Health’s Office of Drinking Water has authorized \$5,000 in emergency funds to help the town purchase bottled water for its residents. The Town of Independence has rented five 21,000-gallon portable steel water storage tanks to temporarily store potable water from two running wells that were not affected by the fire while the reservoir is being repaired.
- On July 10, the Inyo County Board of Supervisors proclaimed a local emergency and asked the Governor to proclaim a state of emergency.
- On July 11<sup>th</sup> Governor Schwarzenegger proclaimed a State of Emergency for Inyo County, which will enable public agencies in the county to seek reimbursements of up to 75-percent of eligible repair and restoration costs.
- To help reduce some of the financial burden incurred by local and state agencies involved in fire suppression and structure protection efforts, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) approved OES’s request for a Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG). The grant covers 75 percent of the costs incurred by eligible agencies, including mobilization and demobilization, field camps and the use, repair and replacement of equipment.